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SUBJECT: 32D UNGA--DECADE FOR WOMEN/PREPARATION FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. SET FORTH BELOW ARE SOME MISSION SUGGESTIONS FOR US ACTIONS AT THE GA UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM PERTAINING TO THE DECADE FOR WOMEN. THESE CONCERN THE VOLUNTARY FUND FOR WOMEN AND A PROPOSED INITIATIVE ON THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN.

2. VOLUNTARY FUND FOR WOMEN. THOUGH CONGRESS HAS NOT YET TAKEN FINAL ACTION ON THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, WE ARE ASSUMING FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS DISCUSSION THAT A SUM OF FROM \$1 TO 2 MILLION (THE AMOUNTS PROPOSED IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE) WILL BE APPROVED FOR THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN, TO BE USED FOR THE VOLUNTARY FUND AND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING.

3. THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE VOLUNTARY FUND, RES/31/133, SETS DOWN SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR THE USE OF THE FUND AS FOLLOWS: 1) TECHNICAL COOPERATION
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ACTIVITIES; 2) DEVELOPMENT AND/OR STRENGTHENING OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS; 3) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRAMS; 4) RESEARCH, DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS, RELEVANT TO 1,2, AND 3 ABOVE; 5) COMMUNICATION SUPPORT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE GOALS OF THE DECADE. THE RESOLUTION ALSO

PROVIDES FOR PRIORITY TO PROJECTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED, AND ISLAND AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO PROJECTS WHICH BENEFIT RURAL WOMEN, POOR WOMEN IN URBAN AREAS AND OTHER MARGINAL GROUPS OF WOMEN.

4. IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE US APPROACH TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE SUM DONATED TO THE VOLUNTARY FUND (WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE AT LEAST 2/3 OF THE TOTAL ALLOCATED) BE DESIGNATED FOR USE IN SPECIFIC TYPES OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES. THE RESOLUTION ON THE FUND PROVIDES SPECIFICALLY THAT DONORS MAY INDICATE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS SHOULD BE USED. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT NO FUNDS BE USED FOR RESEARCH, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION AND HIRING OF PERSONNEL IN THAT THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD RIGHTLY BE FUNDED FROM THE REGULAR UN BUDGET.

5. ON HIS RECENT CARIBBEAN TRIP, AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND MEMBERS OF THE PARTY DISCUSSED OR OBSERVED SEVERAL PROGRAMS WHICH SERVE AS EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE OF PROGRAMS WE BELIEVE SHOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY. THESE ARE PROJECTS WHICH FOCUS ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT, NUTRITION, CHILD CARE, MEDICAL TREATMENT, EDUCATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND TRAINING FOR ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY, IN JAMAICA, FOR EXAMPLE, WE DISCUSSED A JOINT AID, PEACE CORPS AND CATHOLIC RELIEF PROJECT NAMED PROJECT ABOVE ROCK IN WHICH VOLUNTEERS ASSIST FAMILIES AND INSTITUTIONS TO GROW FOOD FOR THEIR OWN CONSUMPTION. JAMAICA ALSO IS WORKING ON A PROJECT TO TRAIN OLDER WOMEN WHO ARE NO LONGER USEFUL FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION TO WORK IN CHILD CARE CENTERS. IN COSTA RICA AMBASSADOR YOUNG VISITED A COMBINATION CHILD FEEDING PROGRAM AND MATERNAL HEALTH CARE CENTER RUN PRINCIPALLY BY WOMEN OF THE COMMUNITY AND AT RELATIVELY LOW COST. OUR CONSULTATIONS IN SANTO DOMINGO WITH MRS. DE BARRIOS, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, REVEALED THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH JAMAICA AND TRINIDAD, THE POSSIBILITY OF A CARIBBEAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE THUS MANY EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS OF PILOT PROJECTS WHICH COULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE VOLUNTARY FUND WHICH COULD BE DUPLICATED IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE SUGGEST THAT THE US CONTRIBUTION BE DESIGNATED FOR USE IN SPECIFIC REGIONS AND FOR THE TYPE OF PROJECT DESCRIBED ABOVE OR FOR OTHER PROJECTS WHICH

FIT THE SAME PATTERN.

6. PROPOSED INITIATIVE ON ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN.
THE MISSION IS WORKING ON A STATEMENT PERTAINING TO
THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN AND IS CONSIDERING THE
POSSIBILITY OF AN INITIATIVE PERTAINING TO BASIC NEEDS OF
WOMEN. WE WILL FORWARD DRAFTS TO THE DEPT FOR COMMENT AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.
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